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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
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101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: **Docket No. 2015-53-E** – Application of Duke Energy Progress, Incorporated to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program

Docket No. 2015-55-E – Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, Incorporated to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) that ORS has reviewed and does not oppose the requests submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LCC (“Companies”) on December 17, 2018, in the above referenced Dockets.

The Companies seek approval from the Commission to amend their Shared Solar Riders (“Riders”) to more closely align with the original intent of the Shared Solar Programs. The amendments proposed by the Companies would “zero-out” the Monthly Subscription Charge under the Riders for low-income customers in months where, due to a named tropical storm or hurricane, that charge would be greater than the Energy Credit Value calculated under the Riders. Any costs resulting from the proposed amendments will be borne by the Companies rather than socialized to ratepayers

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in these matters.

Sincerely,

Jenny Pittman

cc: Joseph Melchers, Esq., (via E-Mail)
All Parties of Record (via E-Mail)